SENATE BILL #2150

Title: Restructuring of ASUW Programs and Services Classifications

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1. WHEREAS, the ASUW By-Laws, Article VIII, provides a system of
2. categorization for all ASUW Services and Programs; and
3. WHEREAS, said article created three(3) categories of ASUW Programs
4. and Services; and
5. WHEREAS, many of these services and programs no longer exist; and
6. WHEREAS, new programs and services have come into being since the
7. original article was created; and
8. WHEREAS, this particular portion of the ASUW By-Laws has created a
9. great deal of confusion regarding the relationship between ASUW and some
10. of the programs and services itemized in the article; and
11. WHEREAS, Senate Bill #2098, which allowed the Interfraternity Council
12. (IFC) and the Panhellenic Council (Panhellenic) to obtain ASUW Category
13. One status, brought only further confusion to the issue; and
14. WHEREAS, in 2003, the Wyoming Union adopted a Priority Scheduling
15. Policy to make the process of scheduling meeting space for student groups,
16. administrative functions, community events and a host of other users of the
17. facility; and
18. WHEREAS, that policy granted ASUW Week One, First Run Priority
19. Scheduling privileges; and
20. WHEREAS, inconsistencies in expectations between ASUW and the
21. Wyoming Union arose in considering what programs and services were
22. part of the Week One, First Run Priority Scheduling; and
23. WHEREAS, the main consideration for allowing IFC and Panhellenic to
24. become ASUW Category One entities was the mistaken belief that this
25. would automatically allow these groups the same priority in Union
26. scheduling as other ASUW programs and services; and
27. WHEREAS, this action highlighted some of the problems inherent in
28. Article VIII of the ASUW By-Laws; and
29. WHEREAS, during discussion of some of these problems, a mistaken
30. interpretation of the ASUW Finance Policy led the ASUW Senate to
31. believe that the Category System put in place by Article VIII of the By-
32. Laws also directed the budgeting priorities of these groups in relation to
33. annual funding by the Budget and Planning committee; and
34. WHEREAS, the best solution is to reclassify these programs and services in
35. relationship to their Union Scheduling Priority status, removing the
36. confusion as to which groups retain priority scheduling privileges and which
37. ones do not.
38. THEREFORE, be it enacted that ASUW By-Laws, Article VIII be stricken
39. and be replaced with the new article as outlined in Addendum A.

Referred to: no referral

Date of Passage: April 11, 2005

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Signed (ASUW Chairperson)
“Being enacted on April 18, 2006, I do hereby sign my name hereto and approve this Senate action.”

ASUW President
ARTICLE VIII

Services and Programs

Section 1. All services and programs funded by the ASUW shall be placed in one (1), and only one (1), of the following categories:

A. High Interaction Governance Groups

1. These high interaction governance groups experience a high degree of interaction with students who come before these groups to petition for support of various student needs and concerns. Because of this highly interactive nature, these groups require consistent public visibility including meeting times and locations. Therefore, the following groups will be considered to have first priority when the ASUW Schedules meeting times and locations with the Union during the first run-first week priority scheduling block. These include:

a. ASUW Senate
b. All Traditionally Sponsored ASUW Programming
c. Freshman Senate (business meetings only)
d. Non-Traditional Student Council (business meetings only)
e. Inter-fraternity Council (business meetings only)
f. Panhellenic Council (business meetings only)
g. RSO Funding Board
h. Budget and Planning Committee
i. Mandatory Student Fee Committee

2. No program or service may be classified as a High Interaction Governance Group without meeting all of the criteria specified above or without a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the ASUW Senate, approval of the Wyoming Union Board and consent of the Vice President of Administration.

3. All Scheduling under this section must be completed through the ASUW Secretary. Any group that chooses to schedule its meetings on its own will be considered part of Week Three priority scheduling.

B. Low Interaction Governance Groups

1. These low interaction governance groups provide governance which is either internal to ASUW, require little interaction with the public or both. Because of this, these groups are not to be considered priorities for scheduling during the first run-week one priority scheduling block in the Wyoming Union. These should be encouraged to make use of the ASUW Senate Office for their
weekly meetings whenever possible. Groups which choose not to use the senate office are subject to the availability and scheduling policies of all other student groups of the Union Events Office. These include:

a. Committee on Academics and Technology
b. Concerts and Convocations
c. Constitution Committee
d. Elections Committee
e. Safe Ride Advisory Council
f. Steering Committee
g. Student Issues Committee
h. Student Relations Committee
i. Student Attorney Advisory Board

C. Other Programs and Services
1. The following groups operate either in an advisory capacity to ASUW, have little need for consistency in meeting times and locations, or have available meeting space which they ought to be encouraged to utilize. These include:

a. ASTEC
b. ASUW Business Office
c. ASUW Gallery
d. United Multicultural Council
e. Student Activities Council
f. Student Handbook Planner
g. UW Child Care
h. Leadership Development
i. Bike Library
j. ASUW Housing Directory

D. This section shall become effective upon approval of related policy changes to the Wyoming Union Board scheduling policy.